[Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan].

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the question of the opening of the District Court at Mavelikara is also under consideration?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) No.

Maintenance of roads.

401. ✻**MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the practice of using ordinary sand in place of river sand, followed by the P. W. D. contractors, in the maintenance of roads;

(*b*) whether the Chief Engineer is of opinion that this is better and cheaper; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the amount saved in one mile?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes, where river sand is not available close by, *odai* sand or pit sand is used.

(*b*) For ordinary maintenance purposes such as binding exposed surfaces of metal etc., clean *odai* sand is as good as river sand and is cheaper.

(*c*) This will depend upon the locality and the availability of the river sand at the site.

Village Panchayat Court at Veliyathunad.

402. ✻**MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any representation from the people of Veliyathunad and its adjacent places for granting a Village Panchayat Court at Veliyathunad?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Non-departmental Anchal Offices.

403. ✻**MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of non-departmental Anchal Offices in the State,

(*b*) the monthly pay of each of the Masters appointed in these non-departmental Anchal Offices;

(*c*) the monthly pay of a peon in a non-departmental Anchal Office:

(*d*) whether there is any departmental test for these Masters and peons;

(*e*) whether there are peons who worked as clerks and as Masters in the Anchal Offices of the State

(*f*) whether their claims were considered when new hands were appointed as Masters in the non-departmental Anchal Offices; and

(*g*) if not, the reason of disregarding their claims?

MR T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 150.

(*b*) Rs. 10.

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